

## DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE BILL ANALYSIS

**AMENDMENT DATE:** May 5, 2009  
**POSITION:** Neutral  
**SPONSOR:** Friends of the Earth

**BILL NUMBER:** SB 772  
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### **BILL SUMMARY:** Home Furnishing: Juvenile Products

This bill would exempt juvenile products, as defined, from fire retardant requirements, allow the Bureau of Home Furnishings and Thermal Insulation (Bureau) to modify the exemption through regulations upon determination that exemption would pose a serious fire hazard, and specifies the exemption does not apply to products subject to federal requirements.

### **FISCAL SUMMARY**

The Department of Finance estimates any cost to the Bureau would be minor and absorbable.

### **COMMENTS**

Current law establishes the Bureau, within the Department of Consumer Affairs, to license and inspect businesses that manufacture and sell upholstered furniture, bedding and thermal insulation. The Home Furnishing and Thermal Insulation Act requires all mattresses and box springs manufactured for sale in this state to be fire retardant and also requires all seating furniture sold or offered for sale in this state to be flame retardant. The Bureau ensures that products meet the statutory and regulatory requirements for resistance to an open flame test.

This bill would exempt juvenile products from fire retardant requirements and allow the Bureau to modify the exemption through regulation if it determines that the exemption would pose a serious fire hazard. A juvenile product includes, but is not limited to, portable cribs, car seats, strollers, bassinets, infant carriers, walkers, backpack child carriers, infant and toddler pillows, and toddler chairs.

The intent of this bill is to eliminate the requirement that juvenile products contain toxic fire retardant chemicals, unless the Bureau determines that the juvenile product represents a fire safety risk.

| Code/Department<br>Agency or Revenue<br>Type | SO | (Fiscal Impact by Fiscal Year) |       |                              |    |           |    |           | Fund<br>Code |
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|  | LA | (Dollars in Thousands)         |       |                              |    |           |    |           |              |
|  | CO | PROP                           |       |                              |    |           |    |           |              |
|  | RV | 98                             | FC    | 2008-2009                    | FC | 2009-2010 | FC | 2010-2011 |              |
| 1111/ConAfr-BurPg                            | SO | No                             | ----- | No/Minor Fiscal Impact ----- |    |           |    | 0752      |              |

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